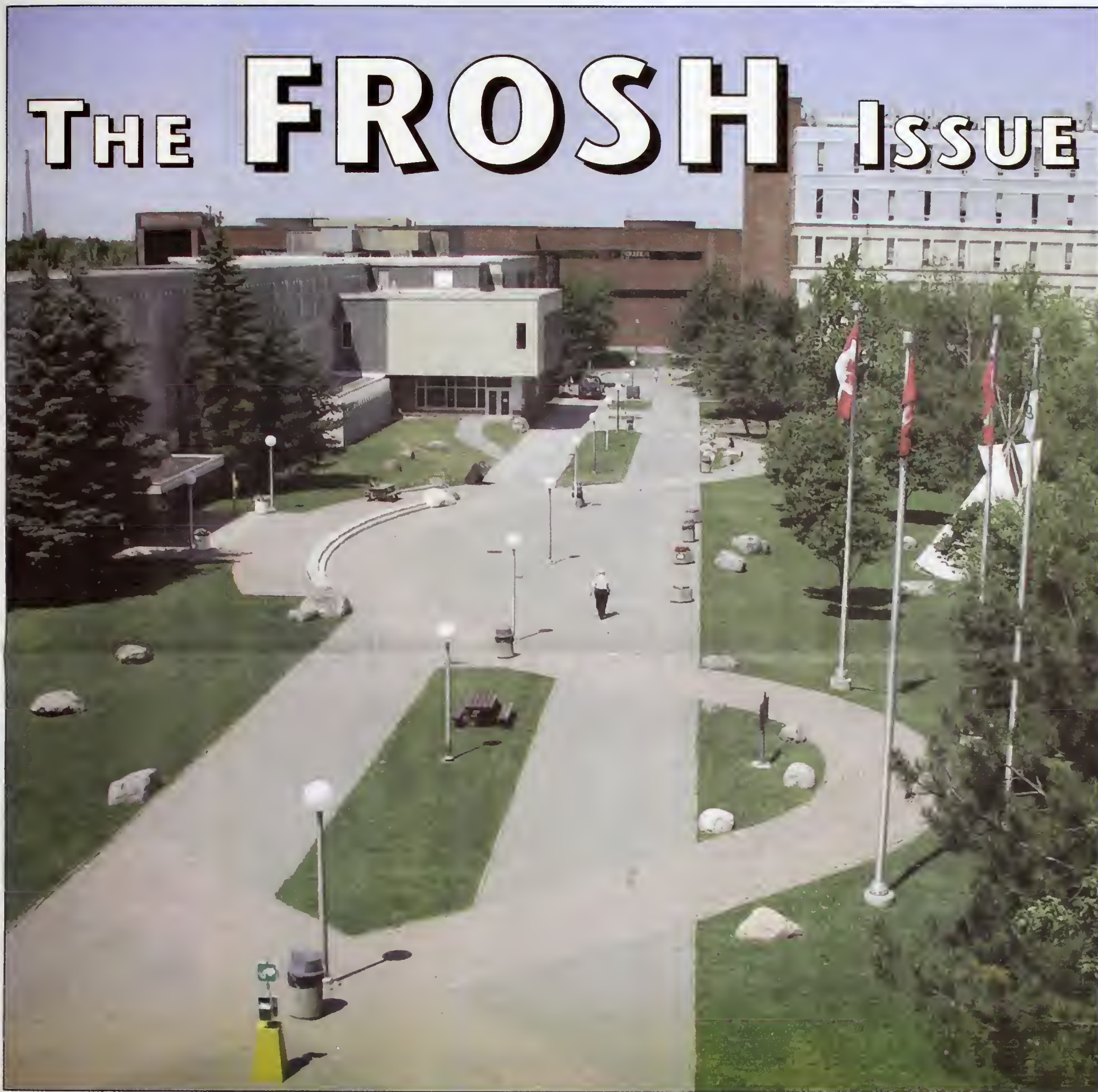


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THE FROSH ISSUE



Welcome to Laurentian University!

A new school year is approaching and everyone is buzzing. Will this year be a success? Will we meet new people, stay in touch with old friends, and build professional relationships? Will our classes challenge us without overworking us? Who will be invited to speak, or perform, or teach? Will I finish this journey with a passion for learning? More importantly, will I be proud of my accomplishments?

Being a new student in university can be intimidating.

Luckily, Laurentian University is full of incredible people and incredible resources that will make your time here the most amazing years of your life.

You're attending a university with almost 50 years of experience educating, inspiring and motivating students. Now with more than 9000 full-time and part-time students, Laurentian has grown into a university that everyone is proud to attend.

Surrounded by the most beautiful landscapes in Ontario,

Laurentian University excels every year in research and development and collaborations with local industry and environmental groups are increasing every year.

As one of only two fully bilingual universities in Canada, Laurentian is a diverse community. Students from all over the world and all over Canada are proud to call Laurentian home, and it is our hope that you feel the same way and embrace the new surroundings.

Recent additions to the school include the amazing Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Canada's first new medical school in over 30 years. A new residence was completed in 2006 and a new recreation centre will be ready to open in 2008. In addition to the physical additions, Laurentian has welcomed a variety of new undergraduate and graduate programs in the last few years and will be moving forward with a number of new initiatives in the next few.

One thing is certain - Laurentian is moving forward and this amazing community will be a part of a new era in Northern Ontario history.

The 750 acres of land, forest and lakes that Laurentian rests on will be your new home, and the dynamic combination of small town charm and urban progress will change your life. Enjoy the ride, don't forget to breathe, and be sure to explore everything that this university has to offer.

Welcome to Laurentian!

"Discover the unique character and charm of Laurentian and its people, as well as the warm and welcoming City of Greater Sudbury. It is an institution with vision, where a climate of cooperation inspires innovative thinking, boundless exploration and superior teaching and learning."

Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Oh hello lovely new faces, welcome to Laurentian!



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the Frosh issue of Laurentian's Lambda. Let me start by saying welcome to all of the students who will be joining us for the first time in September - It might seem intimidating, but I can assure you that you'll have the time of your life if you keep an open mind. My time at Laurentian has been incredible so far, and I have no doubt that the 07-08 school year will be amazing.

The Frosh issue exists specifically for students who are just starting here at Laurentian, although there's information and articles for everyone in the school community. I've done my best with this issue to bring you important information about how things work here, and I hope that it helps you feel more comfortable with your new home.

Not so long ago, I was a new student here at Laurentian and I remember feeling clueless about where to find the things I needed. There were so many places that people talked about that I'd never seen before, and had no idea how to find. Why does everyone keep talking about a bowling alley? Why isn't there a 4th floor in the Parker Building?

Where do I sign up for a gym membership, or opt out of my health plan? Fear not, fresh young minds! You'll be okay, and I promise that you'll learn everything you need to know soon enough.

My first week here at Laurentian was mostly untraumatic, as far as I remember. My absolute favourite part was Clubs Day during the first or second week of school. This year it's on September 19th and 20th and it's the absolute easiest way to find out what clubs are on campus and how to sign up for them. All the clubs and organizations set up booths on the main floor of A building and representatives are more than happy to tell you about their programs and what they hope to accomplish this year. I probably met 100 people in those two days, and it was also the first introduction to this lovely newspaper of ours! If you're intimidated by the crowds, just remember that everyone else is new at this too, and you'll feel at home in no time.

This issue of Lambda also includes some information about how and where to find out information about your courses, as well as where to get info about financial aid, student services, health services, food services, and all the other academic services that come along with being a member of the Laurentian community. Everything on campus is easily accessible and you won't

have a hard time getting the help that you need.

There are a lot of hidden gems on our campus that a lot of people miss out on. Spend some time exploring the trails that surround the campus - hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter means that there's never a shortage of great outdoor adventure. The J.N. Desmarais Library holds an amazing collection of information as well as lots of quiet space to study. Also worth checking out are the libraries in Laurentian's federated universities up on the hill - Even if you don't have classes at Huntingdon, University of Sudbury or Thorneloe, spend some time exploring the buildings. The student centre is the core where you can find anything that you need, including other student organizations like the Laurentian Association for Mature and Part Time Students (LAMPS), the Native Students Association, and the Association des etudiantes et étudiants francophones, among others. I also highly recommend checking out the Pub Downunder. Even if you're not interested in the bar scene, our pub is always a great place to meet up with friends or spend some time after class. Don't hesitate to explore the campus when you get here - There's lots to see and do every single day.

I'll wrap up this unofficial official introduction by introducing myself. I'm Alex Taylor and

I'm currently completing my BA in Political Science. I'm very involved in a variety of extracurricular clubs and events, including the Political Science Association, and I'm having the time of my life. I took over as Editor of Lambda in May 2007 and it's so far been an amazing learning experience. Plus, the bragging rights make the late nights slaving over the keyboard worth it. One thing that I want Lambda to be this year is accessible to everyone, so I encourage you to drop by SCE-301 any time to chat, discuss ideas, submit articles, or rant. A student newspaper is nothing without student contributions, so if you've got something to say, say it! The most important lesson that I've learned in university is that standing up for what you believe it is the path to success. I've also learned that I think I was a motivational speaker in my last life. Wait, what? Seriously though, we're always looking for contributors, and we'll also be looking for editors in September.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I'll see you all in September. Keep an eye out for me, I'll be the one with the smudged eyeliner, running around frantically trying to decide which is more important: waiting in line for my coffee, or making it to class on time.

Forever a bad influence,
-Alex
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A warm welcome from the SGA

Sebastien Perth
SGA President



Hello everyone! You have picked a great time to come Laurentian University. There are a lot of changes going right now that will make this year the best ever at Laurentian. For a lot of you this will be your first year here, for some, this will be the first time away from home and things might seem a bit daunting at first. Not to worry, the SGA-AGE is here to help make sure your time at Laurentian will be one of the best experiences of your life.

We here at the SGA-AGE know that students come here to work their butts off to get good grades, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun at the same time. This year's activities are already taking shape, starting with a kick-ass beach day full of fun activities that will make you think you were in a reality show. We will have an expanded Frosh concerts that will include local acts, including a francophone act or two. The SGA-AGE will once again team up with the Townhouse to bring you great bands you haven't heard of yet. Some of the activities we have in store have been a sort of tradition here with the SGA-AGE, events such as Sex with Sue Johanson in the fall, the Masquerade ball, the winter carnival etc. That's far from it all, we will have a bunch of activities sprinkled throughout the year, keep watching this website for information on upcoming stuff we have planned to make this year memorable.

The SGA-AGE is also here to make your life a little easier

with convenient services such as a health plan, as well as free faxing, free legal advice twice a year. We can also help you along the steps of an appeal. Early on in the school year, we will be holding a town-hall type of meeting, to get your feedback about your student association. I want our members to have the chance to tell us what they expect from us, and different way we can tailor our services to better help students. Because quite frankly, we're here for YOU! The SGA-AGE is also responsible for representing you, the students in various decision making bodies here at Laurentian. If there's an issue that's really bothering you, or maybe something you think the SGA should get involved in, shoot over an e-mail, or drop by my office. I'd love to hear your ideas!

I look forward to meeting you in September!

Interested in a position on the SGA?

FROM THE SGA WEBSITE

So you're interested in running for an SGA position?

Well here's the spot where you'll find all the information you'll need about election rules, positions available, and how to go about getting yourself nominated and into the election.

There are essentially two types of SGA election, a General Election (one in which every SGA student is able to vote for candidates or a referendum question), and a Board By-Election (one in which the SGA Board holds a majority vote to select a candidate).

General elections are held annually in March, but can also occur earlier through a by-election if a major position is vacant.



Kayla Turpin
VP Student Issues

Hello everyone! Welcome to the 07/08 year!

If you are a returning student or new to the university, there is one thing you should know: the SGA-AGE is the place to be! We are currently gearing up for an exciting year and are in the midst of planning some spectacular events.

As your VP Issues, I am responsible for helping raise awareness on important issues and advocating for your rights, both on and off campus. Whether it be dealing with a bad grade on an essay or lobbying the government to provide more post-secondary grants, the SGA is here to help provide a voice for students. Just last year, the SGA took part

in such great events as Freeze for the Fees, the Day of Action, 30 Hour Famine, and more! I am hoping the SGA can make this year even more successful, and the only way to do that is with your help. The SGA is always looking for enthusiastic people to volunteer or simply come out and support the event, so I encourage you to get involved! It's a great way to meet people on-campus, gain invaluable experience, and make lasting memories.

Make sure to check the SGA website frequently! It is your source for information on upcoming events, such as Frosh Week activities and the upcoming provincial election. Also, feel free to email us (or drop by the office!) with feedback and suggestions on what you want to see. After all, the SGA is your student union.

I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Board by-elections occur when a position needs to be filled but a General By-election is not feasible. Candidates submit a letter of intent and are asked to come and speak before the board, who then votes for the candidate that they prefer.

So take a look online to find out what positions are available, and download your candidates' package. After that, just come by the office and let us know that you're interested and we'll guide you the rest of the way.

Good luck and have fun!

Important Note: Only a registered SGA member may be eligible to run for and hold any SGA Executive or Board position. In order to run for an Executive position, the SGA

member must be in good academic standing with Laurentian University.

Please feel free to come in and see a member of the SGA Executive, who would be more than happy to sit down with you and explain what's involved in the position of your interest. We can also be reached via email at sgapresident@laurentian.ca

Be sure to check out <http://www.sga-age.ca> for the complete listing of available positions!

More information about the Student's General Association can be found on page 3!

ABOUT LAURENTIAN

The SGA: Working for You!

The SGA/AGE is the largest student association on campus, representing students at Laurentian for the past 44 years. The purpose of the SGA is to provide comprehensive representation, services, cultural enhancement and entertainment to the student body at Laurentian University.

What that means to you, the student, is that the SGA is in place to represent your needs and interests, as well as to promote your welfare. Through input into academic planning, procedures and policy at Laurentian, the SGA provides political representation for students at the institutional, municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

The SGA offers a variety of services for its student members. These include our prescription drug plan, the Pub DownUnder, free student agendas and new student kits, a week of Frosh Activities, CKLU - our student run radio station, LAMBDA, a universal bus pass (U-Pass), and support for the Walkhome Program.

The SGA Executive is a group of elected student representatives who work to develop community spirit within the uni-

versity. These representatives hold spots on administrative boards and they also participate in a number of campus and community organizations to ensure that you receive the best information possible.

Most importantly, the SGA works tirelessly to create and promote events and presentations on campus that are open and accessible to everyone. From Frosh Week concerts to free movie nights, the SGA always finds a way to help students feel welcome at Laurentian.

Located in the Student Centre, the SGA office contains a wide variety of information and fun things to pick up. Drop in any time to pick up a calendar of upcoming events or information about local and regional vendors and services. The SGA also offers free legal advice by appointment, as well as free fax service if you need it.

The SGA also runs the Food Bank and Off-Campus Housing Office, which can both be found just down the hall from the SGA office.

With flexible hours and friendly staff, you should be able to find anything you need - Don't hesitate to drop in and say hello!



The SGA office is located in the Student Centre above the Great Hall. Feel free to drop in any time you need help or information about student issues or to find out about upcoming events on campus.

Other Associations on Campus

AEF - Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones - The AEF is the francophone student association at Laurentian University.
aef@laurentian.ca

LAMPS - Laurentian Association of Mature and Part-time Students
LAMPS represents and advocates for all part time and mature students.
lamps@laurentian.ca

GSA - Graduate Student Association
All full-time graduate and online M.B.A students are members of the Graduate Students Association (GSA) at Laurentian University.
gsa@laurentian.ca

All four student associations on campus can be found in the Student Centre. Look for future issues of Lambda for more information about these great associations.

Home Sweet Home: Welcome to Sudbury, Ontario

**ALEX TAYLOR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

With a population of about 160,000 people, Greater Sudbury is a combination of small town and big city. As the largest city in Northern Ontario, Sudbury has made a name for itself in Canada as an industrial leader as well as a hotbed of research and development and environmental progress. Many people who knew Sudbury as 'just a mining town' have been impressed by recent visits, expressing that the progress toward sustainability and community living have transformed Sudbury into a city where people would be lucky to live. As seen this summer by the low rental vacancy rates, Greater Sudbury has become 'the place to be' for students, researchers and industry leaders who are looking for the perfect area to study and relax.

The Greater Sudbury title

refers to the amalgamation of a number of smaller communities surrounding the Sudbury city limits. Towns like Capreol, Val Caron, Onaping Falls and Lively are all considered a part of Greater Sudbury but have all kept their small town charm and community spirit.

Believed to be formed 1.8 million years ago by a meteorite, the Greater Sudbury Basin is actually a giant crater filled with an incredible amount of platinum and of course, nickel, which has led to the nickname "The Nickel City". Sudbury's geological history makes the landscape of the city very unique, with the city built to incorporate the Canadian Shield rather than destroy it. Sudbury is also home to over 300 lakes, more than any other municipality in Canada. Lake Ramsey, visible from the Laurentian campus, was previously the largest lake in the world

completely contained in the boundaries of a single city. That record was replaced during the Greater Sudbury amalgamation, by another lake within the Sudbury city limits! Lake Wanapitei is the current record holder.

A fully bilingual city, Sudbury is also known in Ontario for its diverse community, which was recently celebrated with the raising of dozens of flags on the Paris St. bridge from across the world that represent the citizens of the city. Sudbury also boasts a large Aboriginal community and often hosts events to celebrate the culture and traditions of the local communities.

The diversity within the city has led to an incredible array of gastronomic delights, including traditional sushi, Greek, Thai, Indian, Mexican and many other eateries that can accommodate any palate. Many students have

expressed that their only regret after leaving Sudbury is that they hadn't tried all the incredible restaurants in the city.

With the Sudbury Wolves hockey team and the Spartans football team, sports enthusiasts are entertained year round and Sudbury fans are known for their dedication to their local teams.

Sudbury is also home to a strong tourist industry, with Science North and Dynamic Earth offering traditional science centre experiences paired with local history and geological expeditions. The incredible natural resources in the city make Sudbury and the surrounding area a perfect place for camping, fishing and boating. From the Parker Building at Laurentian, it's not uncommon to see sailboats, canoes and swimmers enjoying Ramsey Lake and the beach at Bell Park.

The beauty of the area is also

used as a backdrop for a number of festivals throughout the year, including the Northern Lights Festival and other musical events, the Cinefest film festival, as well as a Sudbury Pride parade and a Dragonboat Festival every summer.

When the temperature drops in the winter, local visits move indoors to locations including the Art Gallery of Sudbury, the Symphony Orchestra and a number of live theatre venues. The downtown area is also home to more than a dozen bars and pubs, as well as almost an infinite number of establishments that bring a small town feel right into the downtown core.

The city of Sudbury is an incredible place to live year round. With so much dedication to the community and such amazing natural surroundings, one thing is sure - You may never want to leave!

Your Student Centre

Located above the Great Hall between the Parker Building and the Arts Building, Laurentian's Student Centre brings together all of our student associations as well as anything else you need.

Two floors of study and meeting space make the Student Centre a perfect place to spend time between classes. Don't hesitate to grab a seat on one of the comfortable couches, grab a coffee, or visit the various student groups in the area.

The first floor holds the student associations and the Tim Hortons. The Games Room is a great place to unwind with a game of pool, ping pong or foosball. The Media Centre is right next door where you can rent out media technology like cameras and tvs, as well as DVD and VHS players for use in class. The first floor is also home to our Travel Cuts office, the best place to check out if

you're looking for information or help with trip planning and travel.

The second floor of the Student Centre holds the quiet study area that includes tables as well as private study desks. The second floor also holds the offices of the student newspapers, as well as the CKLU radio station. Accessible bathrooms and water fountains can also be found on the second floor.

One of the best parts of the Student Centre is the fact that it is often used by the administration and faculty to hold presentations and host guest speakers - Students are always welcome to attend these presentations and they are a great way to keep informed about the great changes that are happening here at Laurentian.

The Student Centre is always open and always worth visiting. Feel free to explore the area - It's there just for you!



Alex Taylor/LAMBDA

The Student Centre above the Great Hall serves as a quiet study space as well as a group meeting place and a spot to relax. With all of the student associations within reach, the Student Centre is a perfect place to visit if you're looking for information about Laurentian.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Registration for Courses and Academic Advice

Where and when to find help with course selection, financial aid and information, and academic support

ALEX TAYLOR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Choosing courses and understanding Laurentian regulations can be intimidating. However, there are a number of places and people that students can visit to get help and advice about their university career.

For first year students who have not decided on their specialization, the best place to go for advice is to your Vice-Dean - phone numbers and emails are available on the school website. Student Services is also available for consultations and also offer aptitude tests and information about the programs so that new students can learn about their strengths and weaknesses and make educated decisions about what program to pursue.

Students who are in first year but have already decided on their concentration are encouraged to go directly to the Program Advisor and set up an appointment. This is a great way to find out what courses are important, and also an important

first step in introducing yourself as a member of the department. Although seeking help from administration might seem intimidating, students should remember that these advisors are here for the students. There are no silly questions and no useless concerns - If you're worried about something related to your program, talk to your advisor about it.

Part time students who are studying off-campus should contact the Continuing Education office if they are looking for help or advice about courses. The most important point for all students to remember is that there is no shortage of help available. The common word of advice among students and professors is to ask questions early - fixing problems ahead of time will lessen the number of unexpected surprises before graduation.

First year students are encouraged to contact Charles Fink at the First Year Experience Office if they are in need of assistance, and there will also be advisors available during events at Orientation Week in September.



The Registrar's Office on the main floor of the Parker Building is the best place to go if you need help with registration, financial aid, or distance education.

Exploring Laurentian's Campus



The federated universities are an important part of one of the greenest campuses in Ontario. Huntington, Thorneloe and the University of Sudbury add to the strong community here at Laurentian and provide access to the Thorneloe Theatre and two libraries.

ALEX TAYLOR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Attending university can be an intimidating experience for even the most confident student. In addition to academic advising and student associations, Laurentian is home to a variety of organizations and offices that are in place to help you succeed.

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services and all the associated offices can be found on the second floor of the Parker Building. These offices are in place to help students with whatever they need. This area includes the Laurentian Bookstore, where you can find your textbooks as well as school supplies, Laurentian apparel, and gifts. The Placement Centre can be found in the same hallway, and they offer career and employment services and job postings. The Special Needs office is also housed on the 2nd floor of the Parker Building and the staff are very accommodating and always available to discuss your con-

cerns and needs. The Student Services area is also home to a variety of student organizations, including the Native Students Association, the Women's Centre and the Pride Office. If you're looking for more information about any of these offices or other student services, check out the Laurentian website at laurentian.ca/Laurentian/Home/Services

J. M. DESMARAIS LIBRARY

Laurentian's main library is a beautiful multi-story building that houses thousands of books and periodicals. The library is also where students can find items and readings that have been placed on reserve for their classes. Technology services including computers, photocopiers and laptop loans are available to students. The library also holds the Brenda Wallace Room, which is a student favourite for quiet study or introspection that overlooks the Laurentian campus and surrounding area. The Desmarais is an excellent place to study, work on assignments, or look for inspiration among the shelves.

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services can be found along student street in the Laurentian residence complex. Health Services is available 5 days a week for appointments, and the staff are friendly and discreet. A full service office, Health Services is available to students for checkups, immunization, std and pregnancy testing, and blood pressure testing. Free information and condoms are always available and the office has a listing of all of Sudbury's pharmacies and walk in clinics.

FOOD SERVICES

With three large cafeterias, the Laurentian campus has no shortage of food choices. The Great Hall on the first floor of the Student Centre serves as the hub of the Arts and Humanities classes. Open from breakfast to early evening, the Great Hall provides food services that include a grill, a 'world fare' specialty counter, a deli counter and a Pizza Pizza. Also available are the Science II Caf in the Science II building, and a cafeteria in the Teacher's College building. Two Tim

Hortons are also available on campus, including a full-service restaurant with seating, on the first floor of the Arts building.

THE BEN AVERY PHYS. ED. CENTRE

Physical education is an important part of university and the Ben Avery Phys. Ed. Centre provides room to play sports, work out in the full service gym, or swim in the Laurentian pools. The gym also includes cardio equipment and a sauna. Across the street from the complex is Laurentian's football and soccer fields, as well as the track. A brand new recreation centre will be completed in 2008 that will include a rock climbing wall, an indoor track, squash courts and an athletic therapy clinic.

THE FEDERATED UNIVERSITIES

Laurentian's campus is home to three Federated Universities: Thorneloe, Huntington, and the University of Sudbury. All three schools contribute to the Laurentian community in different ways, including the University of Sudbury's beautiful library and Thorneloe's theatre that hosts a number of performances every school year. Most of Laurentian's religious studies, music, and philosophy courses are housed within these three buildings.

One thing is certain - There's no shortage of things to do here at Laurentian. An important part of every university education is participation in the community, and this great campus makes that easy.



Laurentian University is known as a 'tri-cultural' campus and the influences of all three can be seen throughout the school, including this flag display in the Student Centre.

CAMPUS NEWS

Laurentian faculty explores refugee development on visit to India

ALEX TAYLOR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
with information from
Kristeen McKee

June 2007 proved to be an incredible month for Dr. Kevin McCormick, the current President of Huntington University. McCormick traveled to Tamil Nadu, India to investigate the availability and quality of the education system for refugees.

Working with the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation, local representatives and senior government officials, Dr. McCormick traveled with the purpose of improving the quality of life in area refugee sites.

McCormick said that the highlight of his trip was his visit to a refugee camp that had been equipped with a medical and nutrition centre, a women's self-help circle and a peace support group.

All of the developments had been established by local initiatives.

"Visiting refugees in the places they learn, work and live was a wonderful personal and professional journey," says Dr. Kevin McCormick as he reflected on his travels, adding that he learned much about the refugee experience, which he believes has changed for the better in areas like Tamil Nadu.

Groups such as the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation work tirelessly to ensure that refugees have the best quality of life and are making the best of their time while they are in exile.

Dr. McCormick intends to explore and express his experiences with Huntington students and colleagues and also has plans to present his findings and suggestions at international social justice conferences.

A followup story on Dr. McCormick's trip will be printed in the next issue of Lambda.



Contributed

Dr. Kevin McCormick spends time in India on a trip where he explored the quality of education and development in refugee camps.

Board of Governors approves a \$99.2 million balanced budget

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Sudbury - At its annual meeting held on Friday, June 15, 2007, Laurentian University approved a budget of \$99.2 million for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, an increase of more than \$5 million over last year's budget. This is a balanced budget for the fifth consecutive year.

This year's budget will help consolidate the rapid growth seen over the past few years and sustain further expansion. Expenditure increases in the amount of \$3.2 million represent capacity-building investments, including faculty recruitment and new appointments, student services, institutional research, security and emergency preparedness, communications and information technology.

"As the university completes a remarkable period of

expansion and undertakes the completion of a new strategic plan for the next five years, the budget for 2007-2008 is in many ways a transitional budget, one that consolidates the achieved gains of recent years while laying the foundation for the future," said Laurentian president Dr. Judith Woodsworth.

At the same meeting, the Board of Governors expressed its sincere appreciation to Mr. Jim Smith for his three-year commitment to Laurentian as chair of the Board and welcomed Mrs. Carolyn Sinclair as new chair for a two-year term, commencing June 16th.

Mrs. Carolyn Sinclair has been a member of Laurentian University's Board of Governors since 1996, serving as vice-chair from 2004 to 2007. Mr. Floyd Laughren was elected as Board vice-chair for the year 2007-2008.

Laurentian receives \$1 million from CIDA to lead project in Madagascar

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RELEASE

Sudbury - The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) announced today a one million dollar contribution to Laurentian University from the University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development Program. Administered by the Association of universities and colleges of Canada (AUCC), this program will finance a project that will reinforce teaching and research capacities at Fianarantsoa University in Madagascar in order to better equip the country in its battle against AIDS and cervical cancer.

"Laurentian University, as a teaching and research institution, is very proud to contribute to international development and the enhancement of sanitary conditions in developing countries," said Liette Vasseur, associate vice-president, research.

"Partnership programs between universities, like the one financed by CIDA, allow our institution and professors to share their expertise at the international level while contributing positively to our planet's sustainable development."

Dr. Annyck Ratiarson, Laurentian University biology professor, will lead the five-year project with Dr. Paul Razafimandimby, vice-president, Fianarantsoa University.

"The battle against AIDS and cervical cancer in Madagascar is a priority," explained Dr. Ratiarson, Laurentian researcher specialized in molecular biology of oncogenic viruses. "These diseases have a direct incidence on the sustainable development of the country. Cervical cancer, for example, is the leading cause of cancer-related death in Madagascar and is a serious barrier to the emancipation of

women. A project like this one will have an important impact on access to health care, as well as on the growth of the country."

Considering its young age, Laurentian University has a long history of international cooperation, having actively participated in numerous development projects in countries such as China, Congo, Russia, Mexico and Burkina Faso.

Since 1994, the CIDA University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development Program, administered by AUCC, has financed more than 100 projects all over the world in various fields, notably education, health, natural sciences and human sciences.

For more information on this cooperation project, please contact Dr. Annyck Ratiarson at (705) 675-1151, ext. 2161 or by email, ariatarson@laurentian.ca.

LU welcomes new pipe band



Office of the President

The Laurentian University Pipe Band and the official university tartan was formally launched by Laurentian president Dr. Judith Woodsworth during the first spring convocation ceremony at the Fraser Auditorium, on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. For the first time, the university's very own Pipe Band led the procession of graduates and dignitaries.

Laurentian is one of the first universities in Ontario to design its own tartan, after Queen's. The Laurentian University kilt is designed with the colours of the university's crest (blue and gold) and incorporates the Ramsay (Scottish spelling) family tartan. Laurentian is also only the third post-secondary institution in Ontario to have its own pipe band, along with Queen's University and Royal Military College.

Send-Off Parties begin August 7th

The Laurentian University Alumni Association invites you and your family to the 2007 Send-Off Party in your area! At this casual get-together, you can kick off your university studies by meeting new and returning students heading to Laurentian, the Orientation Team, as well as some graduates from your area. Students who attend have the chance to win great prizes!

Students who attend have the chance to win tuition fee credits, gift cards for Aramark Food Services on campus and gift certificates for the Laurentian Bookstore!

Don't miss the 2007 Send-Off Parties, to be held as follows:

BARRIE SEND-OFF PARTY
Tuesday, August 7th
Southshore Community Centre,
205 Lakeshore Dr. Barrie, ON
7 to 9 p.m. - Host : Huronia
Alumni Chapter

BURLINGTON SEND-OFF PARTY
Wednesday, August 8th
Burlington Art Centre,
1333 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington
7 to 9 p.m. - Host : Toronto
Alumni Chapter

NEW LISKEARD SEND-OFF PARTY

Tuesday, August 14th
Pool & Fitness Centre
77 Wellington St., New
Liskeard, ON
7 to 9 p.m. - Host : Louis Clausi

SUDBURY SEND-OFF PARTY

Wednesday, August 15th
Science Cafeteria, Fraser
Building
Laurentian University, Sudbury,
ON
7 to 9 p.m. - Host : Sudbury
Alumni Chapter

OTTAWA SEND-OFF PARTY

Thursday, August 23rd
The Glebe Community Centre,
175 Third Ave, Ottawa, ON
7 to 9 p.m. - Host: Ottawa
Alumni Chapter

Contact: (705) 675-4818 or to alumni@laurentian.ca two weeks prior to each Send-off. Visit the Alumni website at <http://www.laurentian.ca/Laurentian/Home/Alumni> for more details!

FROSH NEWS & INFO

Frosh events great way to introduce students to Laurentian

- Info Fair 2007 -

The 2007 Orientation Info Fair gives new students the essentials. Those who attend will meet fellow students and members of the administration that are here to help. They will also learn about all the services Laurentian has to offer. Come and visit over 30 kiosks installed in the Great Hall cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you!

Saturday
September 1, 2007
10 am to 4 pm

Sunday
September 2, 2007
10 am to 4 pm

in the Great Hall

You will be able to find out more information about all the student services here at

Laurentian. You'll also have the opportunity to find out more about parking passes on campus, and buy a permit if you need one. The Info Fair is also a great place to pick up your student card, enter your name for great prizes, and grab a free BBQ lunch!

- "Frosh" Play -

Come out and enjoy! This play deals with the highs and lows of first-year students at Laurentian.

September 2nd
4 pm
(UC/SSR Students)
September 3rd,
4 pm
(everyone else!)

Fraser Auditorium

- Clubs Days -

There are clubs at Laurentian to suit everyone. Come out and meet their representatives during Club Days and join a club!

Wednesday,
September 19th
10 am to 4 pm

Thursday
September 20th
10 am to 4 pm

Main floor of the Arts Building
(Bowling Alley)

Keep an eye on the Orientation website as well as posters at school to find out about more events!



Alex Taylor/Lambda

The Bowling Alley on the main floor of the Arts Building is a perfect place to explore during the first few weeks of school, and throughout the year. Clubs Day and other orientation events will be held here in September.

Lambda wants YOU!

Lambda is the English student newspaper at Laurentian. Funded by student fees, it publishes twice a month and is available all over campus as well as a handful of great establishments off-campus.

Lambda is mostly run by volunteers, although there are a few paid editor positions that we will be hiring for in September. Lambda needs submissions from people just like you! Have something to say? Want to write an article about something you've experienced or studied? Interested in doing interview with guest speakers or bands? Get involved! Our paper is student run and student funded so it's essential that we have as much student involvement as possible.

If you're interested in contributing or just want to express an interest in participating, send us an email at lambda@laurentian.ca or come visit in the Student Centre, room SCE 301

Understanding the U-Pass

FROM THE SGA

What is a U-Pass?

The U-Pass is a student initiative organized by the SGA and the AEF, and approved by their respective student members in a referendum held in March of 2005. The U-Pass provides students with unlimited access to the Greater Sudbury Transit System from September to April. The pass is good for any bus at any time for a third of the cost of a regular student pass. Once you have your U-Pass, you will not have to pay any additional fares (unless you are using a trans-cab service, in which case the \$2 fee will still be applied).

You must be currently registered as a full-time Undergraduate or Graduate student with the SGA or AEF and have an updated student card in order to obtain a U-Pass. The fee for the U-Pass is COMPULSORY for all undergraduate students and is currently assessed at \$135 per year.

Where Do I Get My U-Pass?

You'll have your U-Pass when you get your Laurentian student card. Greater Sudbury Transit is currently looking into new card readers for their fleet that will accommodate your Laurentian student card. Once in place, you will take your student card to the SGA office to have it activated. For fall, however, you will most likely simply have to show your Laurentian student card to the bus driver when boarding a city bus.

Tips From the SGA...

Learn The Bus Schedule: One of the most important things to do is to look at the schedule and figure out the times when the buses depart and return. There's nothing more frustrating than sitting at a bus stop with no idea when the next bus is coming, especially when it is cold. Some bus stops have drums that have the schedules listed on them, but many don't. It's especially important if you're going to be making transfers that you check the times

for all the buses that you will be taking.

If You're Not Sure Where The Stop Is, Ask: When you're first getting used to the city's transit, or if you're going somewhere for the first time. If you ask politely, the bus drivers are usually more than happy to help you out, and will let you know when they've reached the closest stop.

Give Yourself Some Buffer Time: When you're catching a bus at a stop outside of the terminal or main drop-offs, be sure to give yourself some buffer time when timing when you leave to get to the stop. Buses will usually be later than earlier, but occasionally you'll get a new driver on a route or a quicker run than normal, and the bus could have gone by earlier than you expected. It is frustrating to wait longer for a bus, but it is far worse to miss a bus and get stranded. This is especially true in the outlying areas, where missing a bus could mean a two hour wait for the next one. Go early.



Saturday September 8th

Great Hall - Doors Open at 9
SGA Members: 15\$ - Non-SGA Members: 20\$
All ages show + licensed beer garden



Advice for the first week

The most important thing for students to remember, whether they're new or returning, is that they're here to learn. Try to make sure that your classes are all figured out before school starts. If you have questions or problems, get in touch with your Academic Advisor and make an appointment to sit down with someone who can explain the registration process. It's also important to remember that some classes fill up quickly, so if there's a class that you're really interested in but can't find, ask about it! Don't be afraid to ask questions, that's what the advisors are there for! The Laurentian website is an important resource and you should be able to find all the contact information that you need.

Laurentian is a big school and classrooms are all over the place, in lots of different buildings on campus. Check your class schedule on webadvisor.laurentian.ca if you don't have it printed, and try and find your classrooms before the day you start. You'll feel a lot

more comfortable on the first day and you'll be able to help your lost classmates!

Check out the Frosh events. I know that some people start university and think that everything is all business-all the time but you are allowed to have fun! Most of the best memories that people bring up at alumni events are events like Beach Day or the Frosh Week Concert (Hedley this year!).

Pick up your Frosh Kit and Student Card! The SGA puts together an amazing kit every year for new students and returning students, so head up to the Student Centre before classes start to get your hands on some great tools and your student planner. Your student card will be available at Info Fair or head to the library if you need a replacement card or a new photo.

Take the bus if you're new to Sudbury. There's no better way to learn about the city than to see where the bus can take you. You'll see a lot of great places

along the way and you'll learn the bus routes a lot faster than just looking at a map.

Visit Lambda and/or L'Original déchaîne on the second floor of the Student Centre. We love visitors and it's a sure bet that you'll meet people who are involved in a lot of extracurricular events here at school.

Go for a walk. The beauty of Laurentian's campus is one of the best parts about attending this school. Explore the paths, figure out where all the buildings are, and find the pub!

Figure out how the photocopyers work. This seems silly but it's better to find out ahead of time so you don't find yourself confused at the last minute. Your student card doubles as your copy card, and the wonderful people at the library can help if you need it.

Call your parents! They're probably worried about you. Trust me.

ATHLETICS

Carmichael commits to Lady Vees Basketball

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Laurentian Athletics

Laurentian Voyageur Athletics and Lady Vees head coach Mike Clarke are excited to announce Barrie, Ontario native Jessica Carmichael has committed to the women's basketball program. Carmichael will join the program starting in September and will enrol in the Sport Psychology program at Laurentian University.

Carmichael is a five-foot-six-inch guard that can play either the point guard or the shooting guard spots. She brings quickness and excellent court vision that enables her to control the tempo of the game and antic-

ipate opposing team's movements and plays. She is also known as a true team player who always brings a positive attitude to the gym. All of these attributes have helped her excel at every sport she has played and every team she has been a part of including her club basketball team the Barrie Royals.

"Jessica is a solid point guard who can use her quickness to really pressure dribblers and is an excellent jump shooter" said Lady Vees head coach Mike Clarke. "Her skill set is a great compliment for current guards Katie Goggins and Norma-Jean Roberts which gives us a great young backcourt for the future."

The Bear Creek Secondary School student-athlete has won a GBSSA basketball championship in 2005, a GBSSA soccer championship in 2005 and 2006 and

has participated in OFSSA events in soccer, volleyball, cross country and basketball. Carmichael is a multi-sport athlete that also prides herself on her performance in the classroom having made the honour roll in all four years of high school.

Carmichael credits an opportunity to live in Abbotsford, British Columbia, as one that has helped her develop her skill set even further. While out west she played Mennonite Educational Institute Eagles and the Triple Threat basketball club.

"The programs out west were second to none and helped to take my game to the next level" said Carmichael. "This coupled with the Barrie Royals and Bear Creek varsity program, has enabled me to develop my game to its highest level, one that will enable me to compete at the

University level."

The sports psychology program is what first attracted Carmichael to Laurentian University; however, she does admit the Lady Vees great reputation helped make the decision very easy.

"The Lady Vees have such a renowned team with a great reputation and have always been competitive in the CIS" said Carmichael. "The ladies on the team are extremely nice and they receive excellent coaching."

The school itself is beautiful, its location and the whole campus. Laurentian is also the only school in Canada that offers an undergraduate degree in Sports Psychology, which is a major benefit to attending Laurentian."

This high school senior is aware of the challenges that awaits her at Laurentian

University and is willing and ready to take them head on. "The level of talent and competition with university athletics is extremely high and it is a challenge I have always been eager to pursue" said Carmichael.

"The most exciting part about playing at Laurentian next year will be the experience and atmosphere of playing in the Ben Avery Gym in front of a great crowd" added Carmichael.

The Lady Vees will begin training camp on Wednesday, September 7, 2007 at the Ben Avery Gym with their complete schedule to be released by the end of May.

Stay tuned to www.luvoyageurs.com for the latest Voyageur Athletics news, views and scores.

Otterbein Commits To Voyageurs Basketball

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Laurentian University men's basketball head coach announced Tuesday that London, Ontario's Dave Otterbein has committed to the Voyageurs basketball program.

Otterbein is a six-foot-one-inch 180-pound shooting guard from H.B. Beal Secondary School in London, where he was part of four Thames Valley Regional Athletic Association championships, one city championship this past season and making it to the quarter finals at OFSAA. He has earned many awards including being named the Award of Merit and Integrity winner as well as the Super B award winner for playing over 12 sports.

Otterbein has become known as a hard worker who is a hard-nosed defender with good shooting and slashing ability.

"Dave is a very intense player that competes 100% of the time" said head coach Shawn Swords. "He has some great offensive skills that will help him contribute right away and has a good attitude that fits in well with

the Voyageur program."

In the fall Otterbein will enrol in the Social Work program at Laurentian University and credits Tony Marcotullio, his high school coach, and a recruiting trip to Sudbury for his decision. "I'd really like to thank my parents for the support they gave me throughout my high school career as well as Tony Marcotullio and Ian McConnell for their tireless time and effort they put into helping me improve my game" said Otterbein.

He is also really excited to play under the tutelage of new head coach and former player Shawn Swords. "I was really nervous about meeting Shawn, but when I did I felt right at home. I am very excited about learning from him and the returning players" said Otterbein.

Otterbein will join rookie and returning Voyageurs basketball players on September 5 when training camp opens at the Ben Avery Gym on the Laurentian University campus. He will get his first taste of OUA action when the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks visit the Ben Avery on October 12 for pre-season play the Voyageurs regular season home opener is set for November 16 when the Guelph Gryphons come to Sudbury.

Recreation Centre construction continues through summer

WITH INFORMATION FROM
LAURENTIAN ATHLETICS,
SPORTS INFORMATION

Laurentian University continues the construction of its new recreational facility. The 4,650 square metre (50,000 square feet) addition to the Ben Avery Physical Education Centre - a project estimated at \$10 million - will be largely funded by Laurentian University students. They will contribute approximately \$6.5 million to the project, through a student recreation centre capital levy of \$75 per academic year.

Laurentian students gave a strong vote of support to the new recreational facilities in April 2005. Luke Norton, then president of the Student General Association, Patrick Imbeau, then vice-president of the Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones and Sarah Elsasser, then president of the Graduate Student Association, all believe that the new facility will be appreciated by students and attract new student users, both on and off campus.

The addition to the Ben Avery Physical Education Centre will include an indoor 200 metre track, a rock climbing wall, two squash courts and two multi-purpose courts. It will also feature an expanded cardio/weight room, an athletic therapy clinic and an ele-



Ano/Lea Architects Inc. 2006

An architectural rendering of how the new recreation centre will look when complete. The completion of the Centre is set for mid to late 2008.

vator to service both new and existing buildings.

"With a record population of over 9,100 students, Laurentian University continues to add to the range of services on campus," said Laurentian president Dr. Judith Woodsworth. "Enhanced recreational facilities will help attract new students to the university and keep them healthy and satisfied when they're here. The new facility will contribute to the quality of life of our students, staff and faculty, as well as the community at large."

The new recreational facility was developed to obtain the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. It is anticipated that it will consume 40 % less energy than a traditional building. The addition to the Ben Avery Physical Education Centre, designed by the firm ANO Architects Inc. - Architecture for northern Ontario, in collaboration with Larocque Elder Architects Inc., will be built by JN Construction of Sudbury. The new building will be completed by April 2008.

Varsity Tryouts

All student-athletes must contact the respective varsity coach before attending any tryout session.

Tryout schedule can be found at

www.luvoyageurs.com/2007-08%20Varsity%20Tryouts.pdf

VARSIITY COACH CONTACT LIST:

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Golf - M Paul Schwyer 705-523-1006 ps@personainternet.com

Swimming Phil Parker Ext. 1007 pparker@laurentian.ca

Nordic Skiing Bob Hanson 705-522-5667 bobhanson@personainternet.com



Science North

Sudbury native Meagan McGrath poses for a photo at the summit of Mount Everest. McGrath is the first Canadian Forces Member and the youngest Canadian female to achieve the Seven Summits, the tallest peaks on the world's seven continents. Nepal's Mount Everest is 8,848 metres (29,028 feet) tall at its peak. McGrath's Everest Adventure the the focus of an exhibit at Science North.

CAMPUS MAP



- 1 Édifice R.D. Parker Building (L)

2 Student Centre étudiant (SCE)

3 Great Hall / Grand Salon (DA)

4 Édifice des Arts Building (A)

5 Classroom Building
Édifice des classes (C)

6 Bibliothèque J.N. Desmarais Library (J)
Brenda Wallace Reading Room (3rd floor)
Salle de lecture Brenda-Wallace (3^e étage)

7 Science I Building
Édifice des sciences I (S)

8 Science II Building
Édifice des sciences II (F)

9 Auditorium Fraser Auditorium (FA)
Science II Dining Hall
Salon Science II

10 SSR – Single Student Residence
REC – Résidence des étudiants célibataires (G)

11 MSR – Mature Student Residence
REA – Résidence des étudiants adultes
- 12 UCR – University College Residence
RCU – Résidence du collège universitaire

13 WR / RO – West Residence Ouest (W)

14 Health Sciences Education Resource Centre
Centre de ressources pour l'éducation
en matière de santé (H)

15 Centre d'éducation physique
B.F. Avery Physical Education Centre (B)

16 Laurentian Child and Family Centre
Garderie touche-à-tout

17 Outdoor Centre de plein air

18 Pavillon Alphonse Raymond Building (E)
Alphonse Raymond Dining Hall
Salon Alphonse-Raymond

19 NOSM – Northern Ontario School of Medicine
ÉMNO – École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario

20 English Language School of Education
École des sciences de l'éducation, programme en anglais

21 Université Huntington University (HU)

22 Université Thorneloe University (T)
- 23 University of Sudbury
Université de Sudbury (US)

24 Maintenance and Security Building
Édifice de l'entretien et de la sécurité

25 Centre Willet Green Miller Centre
MIRARCO – Mines and Minerals Research
Centre de recherche minière

26 Chalet Robertson Cottage

27 Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit
Unité conjointe d'écologie d'eau douce

28 Beach / Plage
- Reserved/General Parking
Stationnement réservé/général

Visitor Parking / Stationnement des visiteurs

A,B,C,D

Pay and Display Parking
Stationnement payez et affichez

Affiliated University Parking
Stationnement des universités affiliées

Walking Trails / Sentiers de promenade